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SUBJ: SASO/BPC TRIAL POSTPONED.

REF: PRETORIA 904 (NOTAL)

1. TRIAL OF SASO/BPC MEMBERS ARRESTED IN CRACKDOWN FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 1974 PROFRETIMO RALLY WAS POSTPONED FOR SECOND TIME APRIL 21. TRIAL NOW SCHEDULED TO RESUME MAY 5.

2. HALF HOUR PROCEEDINGS IN PRETORIA SUPREME COURT WERE MORE ORDERLY THAN MARCH SESSION, WHICH WAS MARKED BY SCUFFLES BETWEEN SPECTATORS, DEFENDENTS AND POLICE (REFTEL). THE THIRTEEN ACCUSED ONCE AGAIN ENTERED COURT SINGING, WITH THEIR ARMS RAISED IN " BLACK POWER" SALUTES. NEARLY HALF OF APPROXIMATELY NINETY BLACK SPECTATORS JOINED IN SONG AND RECIPROCATED SALUTE. FOLLOWING GRANTING OF DEFENSE REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT DEFENDENTS WERE LED OUT OF COURT WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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3. IN ADDITION TO EMBOFFS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIAN,
BRITISH, AND DUTCH EMBASSIES WERE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS.
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